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ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

One of the most successful Conferences of T.P.I.C. was held on September 20th and 21st this year at the School of Fine Arts in Banff. Seventy four members gathering together in a most friendly attitude, digested gems of Planning knowledge and drank in the beauties and spectacular scenes of that mountainous area.

The following Officers and Councillors were elected:

President	-	P. Alan Deacon O'Sullivan, Ontario.
Vice-President	-	Burroughs Pelletier Quebec, Quebec.
2nd Vice-President	-	Murray Zides Saint John, N.B.
Secretary-Treasurer	-	Hugh T. Lemon Toronto, Ontario.
Past President	-	A.P.C. Adamson Port Credit, Ontario.

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Alan H. Armstrong	-	Ottawa
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J.P. Dumaresq	-	Halifax
L. Gertler	-	Edmonton
M.V. Jones	-	Toronto
M.B.M. Lawson	-	Toronto
A.G. Martin	-	Calgary
A.L.S. Nash	-	Toronto
H.S. Smith	-	Kitchener
Gordon Stephenson	-	Toronto
J.A. Walker	-	Vancouver

The proposed amendments to the by-laws and constitution of the Institute were adopted and action is now being taken to submit then to the Secretary of State for his approval.

During the Conference the following written papers were presented: "The Canadian Opportunity for Urban Renewal" by Gordon Stephenson, and C.E. Campeau, "Zoning and Apartment Houses" by M.B.M. Lawson, "Highways Through Towns" by A.G. Martin, "Public Utilities and Urban Planning" by J.I. Strong, "Regional Planning in British Columbia" by J.A. Wilson, "District Planning in Alberta" by L. Gertler, "Joint Area Planning in Ontario" by Norman Pearson, "New Towns and Provincial Assistance" by H.N. Lash. With the request of the Annual meeting, the Council has authorized a duplication of all of these papers. They will soon be received by all the Institute Members in the form of a special publication.

The Meeting requested the Council to investigate problems of establishing professional fees. You will see in this News Letter a letter from the Past President, A.P.C. Adamson. Mr. Adamson has introduced this subject and it is the Council's sincere hope that Members of the Institute across Canada will express their views.

1957 CONFERENCE

Although it will be difficult to duplicate the friendly atmosphere and setting of our 1956 Annual Meeting and Conference, plans are proceeding for the Annual Meeting and Conference to be held in or near the City of Quebec in the month of September. Members may wish to make a note of this date and place when preparing the the 1957 estimates of expenditures.

PROFESSIONAL FEES

Dear Sir:

A number of enquiries as to fees payable for Planning service have been made, and many have suggested that the Institute set up a scale of fees. With a view to making a study of how Planners were charging for services in the Toronto area, I wrote to a number of firms and phoned others and came up with the fact that the spread in fees charged is great. Members may perhaps be interested in my researches.

In the Toronto area the work of subdivision design is charged for in a number of different ways, and each firm has a different method. From information gathered from a number of the more reputable firms I think I may say that charges are based on a per acre

rate, on a per lot rate, or on a per hour rate and that these vary according to the degree of service offered and according to the custom of each firm.

The architectural firms doing sub-division design work seem all to charge by the hour. One firm charges $10.00 an hour for the service of a principal and charges its expenses, including draftsmen's time, at cost plus 3%. Another firm has worked at a flat time rate of $6.45 per hour regardless of whether it is time of principal or draftsmen. One firm estimated on a 300 lot sub-division the cost was $9.00 per lot at this rate. Some have made preliminary designs for surveyors or developers at a per acreage rate or at a flat rate but this seems to have proved troublesome and unsatisfactory to them, and the architect's offices having most sub-division work now wish to have their names connected only with a sub-division over which they have complete control. Preliminary studies of property, if done, are usually charged by hours of service. Service by architectural firms after registration of the plan, over and above the design work, such as house siting, architectural control, etc., is also commonly charged by time plus expenses.

One firm which does most of its work in the planning field charges on a per acre basis and varies the charge from $30.00 to $50.00 per acre up to 100 acres. If the acreage is over 100 acres the price is reduced by $5.00 per acre over the first 100 acres. This work includes all service connected with sub-division right up to the supervision of the placing of the surveyors' pegs. This firm does not normally do preliminary design work only, but if their commission were confined to studying the possibilities of a site the charge would be one-third of the price indicated above.

One Planner consulted said he only charged on a time basis and he varied his per diem rate from $80 to $120 depending upon whether he could get it.

The engineering firms contacted say that they seldom have fixed a fee per acre because of the many uncertainties which exist in sub-division work. One firm charges a flat per hour rate according to the professional scale of fees, another says that a flat charge of $6.25 has been used plus expenses, but these include a sizeable factor in overhead. Another charged $7.00 per hour. One firm said that if asked to quote a fixed fee for the design of a 50 lot sub-division on flat land they would quote $20.00 per acre as their work seemed to have averaged out at that rate. Another firm said that their work averaged out at between $15.00 and $30.00 per lot. Another said that it varied between $7.00 and $15.00.

Surveyors for field work have the normal surveyor's party per rates up to $75.00 a day for a three man party. One firm spoken to, charges $75.00 a day for the service of a principal and charges expenses plus overhead. Another surveying firm said that for a fifty acre site without excessive problems the cost might run as low as $10.00 per acre.

Some people hedged over the telephone and did not have figures by them, and undoubtedly some design prices are influenced if the firm is assured of additional work of a professional nature after the sub-division is registered. Prices are high in the Toronto area because of the immense difficulties encountered by developers from municipalities in getting their sub-divisions approved.

Perhaps in the lesser centres of Canada like Montreal and Vancouver and Picton, the charges and methods may be different. It might be valuable to the Institute Membership if residents of such places would come forward with information which will not necessarily be available to the Receiver-General's Department.

Sincerely,

(Signed) ANTHONY P.C. ADAMSON

ALBERTA

EDMONTON

At a meeting held on the 15th November, eight members of the Institute from the Edmonton area resolved to form an Edmonton Branch of the Institute. Until By-Laws can be prepared and a Branch formed, an interim executive was appointed consisting of L. Gertler as Chairman and H.N. Lash as Secretary.

CALGARY

At this same meeting it was also indicated that Members in the southern part of the province centred on Calgary would soon be taking steps to form a Branch.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

The main item of interest discussed at the meeting at Edmonton on November 15th was a draft memorandum on An Educational Programme for Student Members. An informal committee of members had been working on this memorandum for a few meetings before the meeting of the 15th. It was then adopted at the meeting and will be circulated to the Alberta members and to the National Executive as soon as more details can be worked out on the list of subjects and on the book list.

ALBERTA PLANNERS CONFERENCE

For three days from the 14th November, 30 Planners from Alberta attended a conference

at Edmonton which was introduced by Honourable A.J. Hooke, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Chairman of the Provincial Planning Advisory Board.

The theme of the conference was Regional Planning and the schedule of main subjects and speakers indicates the scope of the discussions.

Extension of District Planning in Alberta

(a) Future district planning areas.
(b) How they may be achieved.

Objectives of Regional Planning

(a) Theory and Foreign Practice.
(b) Relation to Alberta conditions.

Elements of the Regional Plan

(a) Economic base studies, population estimates,
(b) Influencing patterns of growth - regional and provincial impact of industry and transport.
(c) Major parks and Urban uses in the country.
(d) Rural land use planning, community pattern and needs.
(e) Distribution of shopping facilities and future functions of small towns.
(f) Satellite towns, size and location. Relation of urban and rural elements.

Implementation of District Plans

(a) Impact of McNally Commission recommendations.
(b) Organization of enlarged districts.

Round Table Discussions

(a) Co-ordination between districts.
(b) Comparibility of data.
(c) Development of common techniques.
(d) Role of provincial office.
(e) Education of planning staff.
(f) Capital Works programming.
(g) Visual aspects of Urban Design.

The main speakers were W.R. Brown, D. Cole, L. Gertler, N. Giffen, J.H. Holloway, H.N. Lash, S. Lurie, A.G. Martin, F. Marlyn, R.M. Rookwood, A.R. Smith.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Professional planners in British Columbia are meeting in the near future to give further discussion to the question of professional organization in their province.

CENTRAL ONTARIO

Annual Meeting: The Annual meeting of the Central Ontario Branch was held in Toronto on Monday the 5th November, 1956. It commenced with a dinner which was followed by a review of the year and the election of the new executive. M.B.M. Lawson the outgoing chairman summarized the meetings of the preceding year and E.A. Gomme the Secretary Treasurer reviewed the finances of the Branch.

The new executive were elected by acclamation.

Chairman: Mr. Blumenfeld, Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board.

Secretary-Treasurer:
Mr. K. Hidaka, Community Planning Branch Department of Planning and Development.

Member: Mr. G.A.P. Carrothers, Division of Town and Regional Planning, University of Toronto.

Member Ex Officio:
Mr. M.B.M. Lawson, City of Toronto Planning Board.

The Meeting finished with an account of the Banff National Conference given by A.P.C. Adamson.

EXHIBITION

The Central Ontario Branch has organized an exhibition on The Centre of the City sponsored by the Globe and Mail newspaper. The display held at the Building Centre, Toronto shows by photograph, plan and model how cities in North and South America and Europe have built or planned for City Centres. Examples are compared with theory and with the present day position in Toronto.

OTTAWA

The first meeting of the 1956-57 session of the Ottawa Branch was held on October 23rd when the main speaker was Mr. E.N. Rhodes, Realtor. Mr. Rhodes who is principal of the firm of Rhodes and Radcliffe Limited, spoke on the important effects of planning actions and legislation upon real estate values. A discussion followed the talk.

Prior to hearing the main speaker the meeting had elected Mr. R. Borrowman as Chairman and Mr. E. Grove as Secretary for the coming session. The meeting also heard reports on= the Annual Meeting of the Institute at Banff and an account of recent Council meetings. The Ottawa Branch has a programme of eight meetings for this 1956-57 session culminating in the Annual General Meeting arranged for the 7th of June, 1957.

The second meeting of this programme was held on November 16th when after the transaction of business the members heard an address by Dr. O.J. Firestone on the subject of the Economic Growth of Canada and the implications for Physical Planners.

QUEBEC

The Members of the Institute in Quebec have organized a new Branch of the Institute. Further details of this branch will be given in the next publication of the NEWS.

MEMBERSHIP

The following changes in Institute Membership have been approved by Council:-

from Associate Member to Full Member -

Roger Gagnon	- Montreal
M.B.M. Lawson	- Toronto
Donald South	- Victoria

New Associate Members -

M. Biillman	- Edmonton
A.E.Buchinger	- Vienna
Allan Crossley	- Ottawa
E.R. Cumming	- Trafalgar, Ontario
D.E. Guard	- London, Ontario
M.L. Hancock	- Toronto
J.G.C. Potvin	- Toronto
Benjamin Prince	- Toronto

New Student -

W.R. Redelmier	- Toronto

POSITIONS VACANT

NORTH YORK PLANNING BOARD

Planning Assistant (Sub-divisions) $4,524 - $5,200.
Qualifications: Degree in Planning or related fields plus planning or design experience.
Apply: William F.H. McAdams, Director, North York Planning Board, 5000 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario.

CITY OF REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Junior Planning Assistant, $3,966 to $4,386 - range dependant on qualifications.
Duties: General but including land use surveys development of general planning schemes and sub-division designs.
Qualifications: Degree in Planning, Civil Engineering, Architecture or related fields. Experience desirable but not essential. Experience may be substituted for a degree.
Apply: Director of Personnel, City of Regina, City Hall, Regina, Saskatchewan.

METROPOLITAN TORONTO PLANNING BOARD

Assistant Planner Grade II, $4,564 to $5,342.
Duties: To conduct planning studies required for preparation of the Official Plan of Metropolitan Toronto and to assist local municipalities with the preparation of their local Official Plans.
Qualifications: Considerable knowledge of City Planning principles and practices and of planning legislation. Masters degree in City Planning or related field or equivalent experience.
Apply To: M.V. Jones, Director of Planning, Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board, 133 Richmond Street, West, Toronto 1, Ontario.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH, VANCOUVER ISLAND, B.C.

Planning Adminstrator and Designer, $4,500 to $5,400.
Duties: Examination of sub-divisions, overall planning design, meeting the public and liaison with the Greater Victoria Planning Board Director and Departmental Engineers.
Applicants must have administrative ability and some formal education in planning.
Applications giving age, training, experience, references, and marital status should be made immediately to H. D. Dawson, Municipal Engineer, Royal Oak, British Columbia.

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS - PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Director of Planning, Community Planning Branch, Regina, Saskatchewan.
Duties: To administer the Provincial Planning Office and to advise local municipalities and planning groups on all elements of planning.

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND SUPPLY - PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Town Planning Assistant, $4,900 to $5,300 annual increments $100, commencing salary may be within the scale.
Duties: Preparation of Municipal Plans for communities throughout the Province.
Qualifications: Professional qualifications in Town Planning plus considerable post graduate experience, preferably in County or Municipal Planning.
Apply: Giving details of age, experience, present salary and qualifications, together with recent testimonials or references to: Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, St. John's, Newfoundland.

ETOBICOKE TOWNSHIP, ONTARIO

Planning Director - salary dependent on qualifications.
Duties: Directing work of planning department and maintaining satisfactory relations with officials and the public.
Qualifications: Degree in Planning, landscape architecture, civil engineering or related fields, plus a number of years experience in planning.
Apply giving qualifications, experience and salary to A. Bissett, Chairman, Township of Etobicoke Planning Board, 4953 Dundas Street, West, Toronto 18.

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